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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to inform you of my thoughts on the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I am happy that a settlement could be reached in the three-year antitrust case against Microsoft. This case has been going on for three years now, and must come to an end soon.

Microsoft is not getting off easy like it's critics want you to think. The company will be making numerous changes to its business practices that will restore fair competition and prevent future antitrust violations. For example, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products for use by its competitors.

Also, Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows, such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browser, Windows Media Player, and Windows Messenger. Furthermore, a technical committee made up of three software engineering experts will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement.

I ask that you accept this settlement, and not pursue any further action against Microsoft.

Sincerely,  
Samir Puri